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Applicant : Nobuo Ogasawara
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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING
EXPIRATION-DATED PRODUCTS
UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC
RECEIPT

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of April 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 10-33, amend claims 1, 3, 6, and add new claims 34-38. The now pending claims are as follows:

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1. (Amended) A system for controlling product items with shelf-life limitations comprising:
means for determining shelf-life limitation information for each of one or more product items;